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## Robbery in Bradford



Two suspects robbed the Bell Store in Bradford just at closing time on January 10, brandishing a firearm and tying up the staff in a back room. They got away with an estimated \$50,000 in Smart Phones.

On January 10, just before 9 p.m., employees at the Bell Store on Holland St. West were

preparing to close for the evening, when two masked men entered the store. One brandished a firearm, and pointed it at the employees, forcing them into a back office where they were tied up.

Approximately \$50,000 dollars worth of merchandise was taken, mostly Smartphones. The suspects

exited the store and ran north - toward an area of vacant fields and parking lots, in an area that is still under development.

The employees managed to get free of their bindings, and called police.

They did not sustain any injuries. Suspect #1 is described as male, black, 5'7" to 5'8", medium build,

wearing a black hoodie-style jacket with a black baseball cap, a dark blue fleece scarf covering his face, black worn or faded jeans, and white high-top running shoes with velcro straps.

Suspect #2 is male, black, 5'7" to 5'8", medium build, wearing a

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## Former mortgage agent facing charges

A local businessman is facing new allegations and charges, that could impact his efforts to reinstate his mortgage agent licence.

The Mortgage agent licence of Giuseppe Strazzeri was revoked March 29, 2012, by the Financial Services Commission of Ontario, after a Financial Services Tribunal heard testimony into "past conduct that occurred between 2002 and 2004."

The Tribunal acknowledged that there were never any criminal charges stemming from those actions, which predate regulation by the FSCO - but the Tribunal said the actions displayed a "pattern of dishonesty," based on testimony from 8 witnesses over 3 days.

Between 2001 and 2004, several individuals used Strazzeri and "LFG Group" to invest their savings or refinance their homes for investment purposes. Most of the money went to a David Braganza, who according to the FSCO was accepting funds as "deposits" to be invested and repaid at a high rate of interest, of 18% to 24% per year. Some investors received

a limited return, before payments ceased. In 2005 the FSCO issued a cease and desist order against Braganza, for operating as an unlicensed loan or trust company.

Strazzeri's customers lost between 64% and 89% of their initial investments, according to the Tribunal.

Although Strazzeri also lost over \$200,000 in the scheme and admitted to a "huge mistake" in not investigating Braganza's claims in detail, the Tribunal found that he had also received a commission of 3% to 4.75% per month from Braganza that was not disclosed to his customers, changing his actions from "an unintentional mistake in judgement," to a conflict of interest.

The Tribunal noted that although 8 years have elapsed, and Strazzeri has focused solely on mortgages since 2005, "To date the applicant has not faced any sanction with respect to the conduct at issue... His inexperience (at the time) is no excuse for his actions and omissions".

The Tribunal said it based its decision on 2 key issues: that Strazzeri never acknowledged

the seriousness of his past actions or the impact on his clients; and that he showed "contempt" for the licensing process by describing himself as a "Mortgage Broker" in advertisements, although he does not hold a Broker's licence.

Strazzeri would have been permitted to reapply for a licence in March of this year - but now faces new charges, laid by South Simcoe Police, on January 7. According to Police, a complaint was received in July 2011 regarding a local business, where a large sum of money had been invested in a mortgage.

The Criminal Investigation Bureau investigated - resulting in allegations that the victim was misled as to where his funds were being directed, and that the mortgage values and amounts were misrepresented.

The investment has never been repaid, and the business in question has since closed. Charges of Fraud over \$5000 and Criminal Breach of Trust contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada were laid.

Contacted, Strazzeri called the charges "bogus" and said he has retained a lawyer.

## Incentives, grants for Industry

After coming up with a Community Improvement Project proposal for downtown Bradford, consultant Jonathan Hack of Sierra Planning & Management was asked to do the same for the Town's stagnating Industrial parks.

The Municipal Act prevents municipalities from offering bonuses to promote growth - but the Community Improvement Project (CIP) offers a workit, through the Planning Act, for revitalization. Once a CIP Area is designated through an Official Plan Amendment, the municipality can offer incentives and grants.

Hack looked at both the Artesian Industrial Park, and Reagens Industrial Park, and agreed that "similar to the Downtown, for the betterment of the community there is a rationale to provide stimulus".

He told Bradford West Gwillimbury Council on January 15, "The primary purpose is to stimulate economic investment... This is very much about the broader context. It's also about expansion in situ," encouraging existing businesses to undertake expansion in Bradford, rather than looking for a new site elsewhere.

"It signals Bradford is a place to invest."

Once CIP areas are designated for Artesian and Reagens, Hack proposed two incentive programs, to boost development which has been "sluggish" for the past 7 or 8 years - a grant equal to the Development Charges, to bring in new development; and a Tax Increment Grant (TIG) program that would offset the taxes payable as the result of expansion or renovation. Implemented over a 5 year period, the TIG program would offer a 100% grant in the first two years, 75% in year 3, 50% in year 4, and 25% in year 5.

The two programs would be mutually exclusive, since there needs to be a balance between incentive and benefit to the Town, Hack warned. If the Development Charges are offset by a grant, new taxes are expected to provide that benefit.

There will need to be an application process, and an evaluation committee. "Each project will be different, and have a different equation," he said. "It has to result in a net fiscal benefit to the town."

The consultant told Councillors that the programs should be seen as short-term stimulus, to be introduced before the new Employment lands at Hwy. 400 are developed. "The intention here, is that we want to see things happen in the next quickish period." The Town, he said, "wants to encourage development sooner than later."

Deputy Mayor Rob Kerr questioned why lands north of the 8th Line and west of 10 Sideroad were included in the proposed Reagens Industrial CIP. Hack explained that the boundaries were based on the zoning that is already in place - all of the areas are zoned for Industrial and Employment lands - and the fact that they are "contiguous."

A public meeting for the CIP Official Plan Amendments is scheduled for February 5, "and then we're going to hit the ground running, in early February," said Mayor Doug White, calling the CIPs "important to our business community," that will make the Town more competitive.

"I would much rather these folks (local businesses) invested in technology, than Development Charges," White said, suggesting that DCs have been standing in the way of decisions to think in Bradford, or expand. "I think this is a win-win. I'm very, very excited about it."



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## Abandonment of pets angers resident

If Kevin Broda hadn't stopped to talk to his neighbour when he came back from dinner on Saturday night, the outcome could have been very different.

Broda and the neighbour heard a faint noise coming from a Blue Box deposited at the side of the house on Drury St. They investigated, discovered a garbage bag inside the Blue Box - and inside the bag, a cage containing a pet rat.

Broda then noticed a second garbage bag set beside the stop sign at the corner. Inside that bag was another cage, containing two rats.

They were obviously pets: well-fed, well cared for, and friendly. But they were abandoned, and that made Broda furious - especially since temperatures plunged on Sunday night.

"I love pets - and to have somebody do that to a pet..." he says. "If you don't want the animals, don't just drop them off and hope somebody finds them. I just don't understand people like that. It's just animal cruelty."

Broda and the neighbour tried calling Animal Control and the police, but got little response; Animal Control in

Vaughan demanded a payment of \$200, to come and pick up the cages. So Broda set the cages inside a shed, covered them with blankets, and provided water and food. He says he would keep the rats

himself, except that he already has a dog, and two cats. If he can't find someone to adopt the animals, he'll call the OSPCA.

Broda guesses that the animals may have belonged to someone who had to make a "last-minute move" and couldn't take the rats with them. All the same, he says, "It's a crying shame that someone would actually do that with their pets. No respect for their well-being - to just do it and not care."

The Ontario SPCA Animal Centre at 16586 Woodbine Ave. in Newmarket can be reached at 905-880-7122. To surrender an animal, call extension 385 and set up an appointment; to report a case of animal cruelty or neglect, call extension 327. Photo: Kevin Broda with two cages containing 3 pet rats, abandoned outside his Drury St. home.



## National Cupcake Day for the Animals

Cupcakes are hot.

There are bakeries that specialize in cupcakes, "Cupcake Wars" on the Food Network, and terms like Chocolate Ganache and Red Velvet have entered the popular lexicon.

Now the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is inviting cupcake-lovers everywhere to participate in Canada's first-ever National Cupcake Day on Monday, February 25.

Participants are asked to bake cupcakes, host a cupcake party or share cupcakes with family, friends and colleagues, all to raise money to fight animal cruelty, and support SPCAs and Humane Societies across the country.

Register online at [www.nationalcupcakeday.ca](http://www.nationalcupcakeday.ca). Participants will receive a free Cupcake Host Welcome package in the mail, including a poster, stickers, balloons, and fundraising guide - and can set up an online

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## Lessons in health care

When you are a child, you think of yourself as invincible. You take risks, always assured that someone will pick you up when you fall.

As you get older, that sense of immortality disappears, or maybe it is transferred - to your parents. After all, they have been there since your first breath. They are the rock, the pivot-point, your foundation. But we are all mortal. At some point comes the realization that parents won't be there forever.

On January 3, my mother passed away at the age of 90. She was alert, interested in the world around her, and still living on her own, after Dad passed away in 2006. She played bridge weekly, did crossword puzzles, went out to theatre and restaurants.

But on December 17, after months of complaining of symptoms, she was diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer. She was taken to a Toronto hospital on New Year's Eve, with what turned out to be a heart attack - and passed away from heart failure 3 days later.

There are lessons to be learned from her passing - especially for seniors.

Mom was a breast cancer survivor. When she began to experience discomfort, her fears that the cancer had spread were dismissed by her family doctor - who suggested that aches and pains were to be expected, considering her age.

When she finally insisted on a CT scan, they found cancer not only in her pancreas, but also her liver.

The symptoms of pancreatic cancer are vague. They include abdominal pain that doesn't go away, back pain, fatigue, loss of appetite, weight loss, indigestion, and change in bowel habits. In over 80% of the cases, the cancer is so far advanced by the time it is diagnosed that it cannot be entirely removed by surgery - and in 95% of cases, the survival rate is less than 5 years.

**Lesson #1:** Speak to your physician if you have symptoms, and don't be fobbed off with the comment, *What do you expect at your age?* Early detection is the key to a positive outcome.

On New Year's Eve, Mom experienced a strange suite of symptoms that had the paramedics puzzled: pain and numbness in her right little finger, "fragmented" vision, and temporary confusion, that came and went.

Fearing a stroke, she was rushed to hospital - where her symptoms continued to be a puzzle. Her pulse was strong, heart beat regular, and although

her blood pressure was high, an ECG appeared normal. Scans and x-rays apparently showed no signs of trouble.

It was a blood test that showed elevated levels of a heart enzyme associated with heart damage that provided the clue: she had had a heart attack.

**Lesson #2:** Women often do not present "typical" symptoms of heart attack. Mom never had chest pains or shortness of breath; at most, she felt pressure - and the odd collection of symptoms that were ultimately traced to a vascular cause.

Her stay in hospital was less than stellar - partly due to timing. It was the holidays, the hospital had limited staff, and an influx of emergency patients. Mom ended up in a room in the emergency department for 17 hours, before a medical intern finally came in to explain the results of her tests. She was still there by the evening of January 1. Family members left, assured that she would be moved to Cardiology as soon as a bed was available.

That didn't happen. The family returned the next day to find that she had been moved in the middle of the night - to a hallway in a medical ward, beside the nursing station, where the constant lights and noise had caused additional stress. It was after a complaint to "Patient Experience" that she was moved to a quiet area, temporarily, then shifted to a noisy, brightly lit room.

A doctor came in at 1:30 p.m. on January 3 to do another ECG, but never returned to discuss the results. Five hours later, we demanded assistance; it was while she was being examined by another intern - not a doctor - that she suffered her final heart attack.

**Lesson #3:** Be prepared to fight for care. Bring an advocate - someone who can help you in and out of bed, administer medication, provide a drink of water, and call for assistance. Be prepared to call the hospital Ombudsman to complain, if your loved one is not receiving the care needed.

When Mom was taken elsewhere along the line, the important factor in Mom's care became the diagnosis of pancreatic cancer, not the heart attack - palliative care, not treatment. We may never know for certain. But any Senior must wonder if they will receive the full range of medical care, or be told, *What do you expect at your age?*

-M.K.



In keeping with the season... The Cookstown Antique Market celebrated "Christmas in the Barn" on a Victorian Theme, Dec. 1 and 2. Owners Sally and Jerry Robinson and staff dressed up in Victorian garb, decorated twin 10' tall Christmas trees with new and vintage ornaments, and served up cider and treats at the annual event, held in the Market's Century barn. Customers could enjoy special pre-Christmas sales - and were encouraged to share the Christmas spirit by donating to the Salvation Army.

## letters to the editor

### Disappointed by Giant Tiger

To the editor: I just found out our Giant Tiger store is closing forever. Wow - I can't believe they are doing this after all our hard work with signatures, our Mayor and Les Showers. They are forcing us to go to an American store - which thrives every time a Canadian store closes. I believe in keeping our money in Canada. Sadly disappointed, Cheryl Leblond, the "GT Queen"

for his years of service and dedication.

Frank Lotto was a well-loved comrade, and will be greatly missed.

Legion President Vince Redgate

### At the Bradford Legion

Friday Night Meat Rolls take place every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford. Come out, enjoy a light dinner for a nominal fee - and perhaps win the meat for Saturday Dinner. All welcome.

Do you want to stand behind our troops and veterans, enjoy comradeship and activities, and support youth programs in the community? Consider membership in the Legion. For more information, contact Donna at 905-775-5025.

The Legion is here for Canada's Vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. You don't have to be a Legion member to ask for assistance. Call Gord Dodgson at 905-775-4905.

Diane Granger, BWG

### A tribute to Frank Lotto

Frank Lotto joined the Royal Canadian Legion, Orville Hand Branch 521 in February 1999.

Comrade Frank was very active in the Branch, serving in various capacities - as Honour and Awards Co-Chair, Track & Field Chair, Sports Officer, Bar Chair, Hall Rental Chair, Ways & Means Chair, and Entertainment. He was served as 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, and from 2007 to 2011, as President.

Frank was involved with Zone as Bursary Chair, and participated in many Zone and District Conventions. He was also very active in Branch, Zone and District sports - and in 2012, received his Life Membership

### Robbie Burns Night!

The Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion Branch 547 is hosting a Robbie Burns Dinner and evening of entertainment on Saturday, January 19. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails start at 5:45 p.m., a traditional Dinner complete with haggis is served at 6:30 p.m., with entertainment by the band, all for only \$25 per person. Please call Chris at 705-431-5090 for tickets. Seating is limited.

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 Municipality: Upper Tier of Simcoe  
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The conference will deal with preliminary and procedural matters, including the following:

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- **Identification of participants** - persons who do not wish to participate throughout the hearing may attend the hearing and make a statement to the Board. Such persons should also attend the prehearing conference.
- **Identification of issues.**
- **Possibility of settlement of any or all of the issues** - the panel will explore with the parties whether the case before the Board and the issues in dispute are matters that may benefit from the assistance of a mediation meeting conducted by a Member of the Board. Mediation is a voluntary process of negotiation that encourages all sides in a dispute to get a better understanding of each other's positions and fully explore and consider options for a mutually acceptable settlement of all or some of the issues in dispute. The panel may direct, upon consent of the parties, that some or all of the issues in dispute proceed to mediation. Where mediation is directed, a different Member of the Board would conduct the mediation.
- **Start date of the hearing.**
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  - **The hearing of motions.**
  - **Such further matters as the Board considers appropriate.**
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The Prehearing Conference cited above concerns the proposed County of Simcoe Official Plan adopted in November, 2008. The proposed Plan has been revised since its original adoption.

An updated copy of the proposed Official Plan is available for viewing on the County's website [www.simcoe.ca](http://www.simcoe.ca), and at the Customer Service area of the County Administration Centre, 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, Ontario L0L 1X0. Telephone inquiries may be made during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Please contact David Parks, Director of Planning, Development, and Tourism or Kathy Suggitt, Manager of Policy, (705) 726-9300.



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## TOWN COUNCIL

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For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Department.

**Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole (after Council Meeting)- Council Chambers, 57 Holland St. E. .**

• Tues. Feb. 5/13 @ 7:00 p.m.

## BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Accessibility Advisory Committee

Mon. Jan. 21/13 @ 4:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W.

### Committee of Adjustment

Wed. Jan. 23/13 @ 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 57 Holland St. E.

### Municipal Heritage Committee

Mon. Jan. 28/13 @ 7:30 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W.

### Library Board Committee

Mon. Jan. 21/13 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W.

### Police Services Board Committee

Mon. Jan. 21/13 @ 7:00 p.m., Jonkman Room, 81 Melbourne Dr.

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That his Worship Mayor Doug White and Council proclaim: January as Crime Stoppers Month

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2013-C001

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We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, and will only be used for candidate selection.

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## 2013 Summer Employment and Co-op Opportunities

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is now accepting applications for the following positions for summer employment in the Leisure Services department.

### Assistant Day Camp Supervisors

Day Camp Inclusion Facilitators

Head Day Camp Counsellors

Camp Counsellors

2013-C001

### Parks Maintenance

2013-PM01

### Instructor/Lifeguard

(Spring/Summer)

2013-A001

We are also accepting applications for the following co-op opportunities.

### Water Co-op (May – August)

2013-W001

### Building Co-op (May – August)

2013-B001

### Wastewater Co-op (May – August)

2013-W001

### Support Analyst (May – December)

2013-SA01

### Procurement Co-op (May – August)

2013-P001

A complete description of job duties, qualifications and application instructions for this position can be found on the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury website at [www.townofbwg.com](http://www.townofbwg.com) under the Employment Opportunities section; or at the Town's Human Resources office as listed below.

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Human Resources Department  
100 Ossette St, Unit 4 Box 100, Bradford, Ontario L3Z 2A7  
Fax: 905-775-5633 or email [hr@townofbwg.com](mailto:hr@townofbwg.com)  
[www.townofbwg.com](http://www.townofbwg.com)

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PO BOX 100 L3Z 2A7  
905-775-5369

### ENGINEERING

100 HOLLAND AVE. E.  
PO BOX 410 L3Z 2A9  
905-775-2855

### FINANCE

81 HOLLAND ST. E.  
PO BOX 100 L3Z 2A8  
905-775-5363

### FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

72 HILLVIEW DR.  
PO BOX 1226 L3Z 2B6  
905-775-7511

### LEISURE CENTRE

471 WEST PARK AVE.  
L3Z 6A3  
905-775-PLAY(7829)

### LEISURE SERVICES

123 DUNDAS ST. E.  
PO BOX 251 L3Z 2A4  
905-775-5369

### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

2511 L3L 5Y1  
PO BOX 100 L3Z 2A8  
905-775-5369

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## Join the Big Conversation

Attend a Public Roundtable Meeting Near You



The Big Move is Metrolinx's plan to rebuild transportation in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.

It's all about building a greener and improving transportation systems, increasing safety and efficiency and whether you drive a car, can public transit, or walk the plan will change how you get around your community.

This first phase of The Big Move projects is well underway and \$24 billion of local and regional transit projects are prepared for the next phase of development. There's a lot on the go and a lot to discuss.

We're hosting a Big Conversation about our plan to get the region moving in a good opportunity to learn about our vision, current and future transportation projects.

### Join us at a Public Roundtable Meeting in your area

January 15	<b>Orillia</b>	Hutton Regional Headquarters, Hutton, 9am-5pm
January 16	<b>Newmarket</b>	Newmarket Community Centre, Room 1, 1-5pm
January 16	<b>Milton</b>	Ernst & Young Community Centre, 4-6pm
January 22	<b>Alton</b>	Alton Community Centre, 4-6pm
February 2	<b>Whitby</b>	Flower City Services Centre, 4-6pm
February 7	<b>North York</b>	North York Central Library, 4-6pm
February 7	<b>Chatham</b>	Chatham Public Library, 4-6pm
February 7	<b>Toronto</b>	Minto Hall, Room 305, 1-5pm
February 12	<b>Hamilton</b>	Hamilton Art Gallery, 4-6pm
February 18	<b>London</b>	London Civic Centre, 4-6pm
February 19	<b>Richmond Hill</b>	Richmond Hill Centre for Performing Arts, 4-6pm

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[www.bigmove.ca/roundtable](http://www.bigmove.ca/roundtable)

### THIS IS A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS

**DO NOT FOUL OUR SIDEWALKS AND PARKS  
DON'T FORGET TO "STOOP AND SCOOP"**

Dog waste is a public health hazard that takes the pleasure out of outdoor activities for all Bradford West Gwillimbury residents. Failure to clean-up and dispose of dog excrement is a violation of Section 4.9 of Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury By-law 2006-027 and can result in a fine of \$205.00.

It is also a violation of Section 4.9 of By-law 2006-027 to let your dog run at large.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 28 OF THE  
PLANNING ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, AS AMENDED

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will be holding a public meeting on **Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 57 Holland Street East, Bradford** to consider a Community Improvement Plan for the Artesian and Reagents Industrial Parks.

**THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT** of the proposed Community Improvement Plan is to establish a planning and economic development framework that may include improvement projects and financial incentive programs designed to stimulate private sector investment considered necessary to meet identified community improvement objectives. The Artesian and Reagents Industrial Parks represent important employment districts within the Town, the comprehensive development of which represents an important investment in existing infrastructure and economic growth. The proposed Community Improvement Plan allows for a program of financial assistance to eligible registered owners and tenants of lands and buildings within the Community Improvement Area in developing their properties, where such development meets the objectives of the Community Improvement Plan. Key maps showing the location of the lands are attached.

**ANY PERSON** may attend the public meeting to make written or verbal representation in support of or in opposition to the proposed Community Improvement Plan. Written submissions regarding the proposed Community Improvement Plan can be made to Geoff McKnight, Director of Planning & Development Services, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Planning & Development Services Office, P.O. Box 160, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A8, facsimile 905-776-4343, telephone 905-776-5369, ext. 1401 or email at [gmcknight@townofbwg.com](mailto:gmcknight@townofbwg.com).

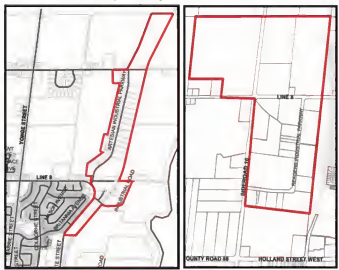
**IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED** of Council's decision regarding the proposed Community Improvement Plan, you must make a written request to Geoff McKnight, Director of Planning & Development Services, at the address shown above.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the proposed Community Improvement Plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to the Ontario Municipal Board.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before Community Improvement Plan is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding the proposed Community Improvement Plan is available for public inspection between 8:30 am to 4:30 pm weekdays at the Planning & Development Services Office located at 3541 Line 11, Bradford West Gwillimbury and on the Town's website [www.townofbwg.com](http://www.townofbwg.com).

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.  
Rebecca Murphy, Clerk



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905-776-2055

**FINANCE**  
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905-776-5303

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## HOLLAND MARSH DRAINAGE SYSTEM JOINT MUNICIPAL SERVICES BOARD NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION NORTH CANAL BANK ROAD

This Notice is to inform residents and business owners that North Canal Bank Road from Highway 400 to Simcoe Road may experience lane interruptions due to the Holland Marsh Drainage System Canal Improvement Project.

Construction commenced on July 3, 2011 and will continue in the area described above until further notice.

Construction hours remain from 7am to 7pm. Through traffic may be subject to lane reductions/interruptions intermittently during these working hours.

If you require additional information, call the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board at 905-778-4321. Please leave your name and phone number, with your concerns and someone will return your call promptly. Thank you for your cooperation

## Take a break from the cold and join us at the pool for a WINTER WONDERLAND



Saturday  
January 26  
1:15-3:00pm

Bradford Lions  
Aquatic Centre  
5WG Leisure Centre

Learn  
about  
the  
pool!

- Participate in a game of snowball, keep the snowball up in the air, if it falls into the water it will melt!
- Learn about water safety around the ice and practice with a simulated ice rescue
- Activities and games for all ages

Admission Policy must be maintained  
See www.townofbwg.com for more information.  
Regular admission fees apply



## Canada Revenue Agency Volunteer Tax Preparation Clinic



NEED A HAND TO PREPARE YOUR TAX RETURN?  
If you are unable to prepare your income tax and benefit return yourself, the CVITP may be able to help you.

The CVITP is available to any eligible taxpayer.

This may include:

- low income individuals and social assistance recipients;
- newcomers to Canada;
- seniors; and
- students

Volunteers do not prepare tax returns for complex situations such as:

- returns for deceased persons;
- individuals who file for bankruptcy;
- self-employed individuals;
- individuals who report capital gains or losses; or
- individuals who report employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses.

Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library is an official clinic site for Income Tax Preparation Assistance. To register for assistance please ask at the Information Desk or call 905-775-3328 X 6108.

Want to know more about the CVITP?

For more information about this free service or to get information on community organizations in your area that participate in the CVITP, call us at 1-800-959-6281 or go to [www.cra.gc.ca/volunteer](http://www.cra.gc.ca/volunteer).

## BECOME A LIFEGUARD & SWIM INSTRUCTOR

in the town of Bradford  
West Gwillimbury



BRONZE MEDALLION and  
EMERGENCY FIRST AID & CPR D  
Must be 15 yrs and completed Bronze Star

BRONZE CROSS and  
STANDARD FIRST AID & CPR C  
Must have completed Bronze Medallion and Emergency First Aid & CPR C

NATIONAL LIFEGUARD SERVICE &  
AUTOMATED EXTERNAL  
DEPILATOR  
Must be 18 yrs and completed Bronze Cross and Standard First Aid & CPR C

RED CROSS ADVISORY  
WINTER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR  
Must be 15 yrs

RED CROSS WINTER SAFETY &  
LIFE SAVING INSTRUCTOR  
Must be 18 yrs and complete Red Cross course

All courses listed above in blue and green are required for progression with the town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

- To apply for a job as a Lifeguard & Swim Instructor:
- Obtain all required qualifications
  - Send your cover letter and resume to Human Resources

Visit [www.townofbwg.com](http://www.townofbwg.com) for course descriptions and course times.



## HOCKEY DAY IN B.W.G.

Saturday February 9, 2013  
8am - 2pm  
Let's Go! Brown Point  
in Bond Head

Visit [www.townofbwg.com](http://www.townofbwg.com) for more details

## BRADFORD FIRE Valentines DANCE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2013  
AT THE BRADFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE

8 pm - 1 am

\$35/couple  
\$20/single

THE DANCE WILL BE HELD AT THE BRADFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE, 1000 DUNDAS ST. W. (AT THE CORNER OF DUNDAS AND BRADFORD ST.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 905-775-3328



## BWG Local History Assoc.

The BWG Local History Association holds its first meeting of the year on Saturday, January 19, 2013, at the Bradford Public Library board room, from 10 a.m. to noon (NOTE NEW TIME). Guest speaker is Ben Platt, retired history teacher and long-time local historian, who will talk about "Why and How the War of 1812 Began." Everyone is welcome to come out and learn more about this important time in Canadian History.

## Innisfil Historical Society

The Innisfil Historical Society meets on Saturday, January 19 at the Knock School Heritage Site, 9th Line and 10 Sideroad in Innisfil, at 2 p.m. Guest speaker is Brian Baker, on the *Beauty of the Innisfil Landscape*, in words and pictures. For more info, call Marj, 705-436-1742. All welcome.

## OGS 30th Anniversary

The Simcoe County Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society celebrates its 30th Anniversary with an Open House on Saturday, February 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the LDS Church, 79 Ferris Lane in Barrie. Morning and afternoon programs will explain how to start your family tree, and the resources needed. There will be an official ceremony at 1 p.m. All welcome - for details, call Ken at 705-728-1170.

## Historical Society 2013 meetings

by Helen Yielding

In keeping with the start of a New Year, the Tecumseh & West Gwillimbury Historical Society presents its upcoming monthly programs:

- On Monday, January 21, members will bring their treasures to the annual **Show and Tell program**, always an enjoyable evening.
- Monday, February 18 is Family Day/Heritage Day, and will feature **George Burt** and a wood-related surprise, in keeping with local history.
- Music is the topic in March. On March 18, Ken Purvis will perform and discuss music related to the **War of 1812-1814**.

April's meeting focuses on Spring! Alan Foster will present a talk on **Wildflowers**, on April 15.

**Mill Wheels to Automobiles** is the topic on May 20, when Carolyn Knowles provides insight into Alliston's history.

On Sunday, June 9, enjoy an exciting adventure, and a **picnic!**

The Society welcomes new members and visitors. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. in the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson, on County Rd. 27. The hall is handicapped-accessible.

A social hour follows each fascinating program. For more information, call 905-775-7144 or 905-936-0086.

## Women's Institute events & activities

The Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute meets Monday, January 28, at noon at the Tec-We-Gwill WI Hall in Newton Robinson, BWG. Guest speaker is John Beaud, who travelled to Belize and Guatemala with the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program, and who will present slides of his trip. Bring a sandwich; the lunch committee will provide coffee, tea and dessert. New members and guests are welcomed.

For details, contact Gladys at 905-778-0319 or Glenna, 705-458-1510.

Back by popular demand: the "Whole Knit & Caboodle," a morning of knitting, crocheting and friendship at the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson, on Saturday, February 2, hosted by the Simcoe South District Women's Institute. Bring your uncompleted projects - or come to learn to knit or crochet, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the \$10 cost includes lunch.

For more information, call Gladys at 905-778-0319, Donna at 705-458-9072 or Peggy, 905-729-0912.



In November 2012, Bradford West Gwillimbury Council voted to recognize the "significant cultural value" of the Auld Kirk on the 6th Line - a church founded in 1822 by pioneers returning from Lord Selkirk's Red River Settlement.

The brick church dates from 1869, and is currently the property of the United Church, which has offered to sell the building for a nominal amount, to the municipality.

The Town agreed to accept ownership of the historic building, once the BWG Local History Association repaired the roof. A new steel roof was installed in December - just before the first major snowfall. Next week: Get involved in Doors Open BWG!

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**Century 21 Heritage Group Ltd. would like to extend a warm welcome to Marie Carothers, our newest Sales Representative in the firm!**

Marie has been working as a full time Realtor in the community of Bradford West Gwillimbury for the past three years after living in the city of Vaughn for 19 years. She is very enthusiastic about working in the ever-growing community of Bradford, and looking forward to getting to know more of her neighbours and finding new opportunities to become involved in the community.

Before her career in real estate Marie was employed in the public sector, but her dream has always been to become a Realtor. "I have wanted to be in real estate for 26 years so I seized the opportunity; it has been a dream come true."

Marie values client satisfaction as a top priority and provides the same dedicated and professional real estate services to everyone that she provides service for; "I make friends for life, not clients."

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## Danube Srs. Centre

The Danube Srs. Leisure Centre received a cheque for \$1,000 from Bradford's Giant Tiger Store -

representing the proceeds from the September 29, 2012 "Grand Staying Open" fundraising BBQ, topped up by the store.

Sadly, since that event, the decision has been made to close the Giant Tiger store in March. "We're really sorry to see them go," said Centre President, Gerda Sykulis.

The Danube Centre is located at 715 Simcoe Rd. Call 905-775-0612 for information on programs and activities.

### Coming up:

**Birthday Luncheon** at the Danube Centre on Thursday, January 17. Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, seasonal vegetables, dessert and tea or coffee, all for only \$8 for members, \$9 for non-members. Tickets at the door, at 11:30 a.m.

**Summer in January**, Saturday, January 26 - Lunch and entertainment for only \$10 per person. Doors open at noon, lunch is served at 12:30 p.m., and the inimitable Sari Featherstone will entertain. Tickets at the Centre.

## Seniors' Social, at the new BWG Leisure Centre

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Services department has announced the creation of a new **Seniors' Drop-In Social** at the BWG Leisure Centre, at 471 West Park Ave. in Bradford.

The social will take place every Tuesday and Thursday morning between 10 a.m. and noon. Beginning January 15, Seniors are invited to drop in and socialize. There will be games and

conversation in the Activity Room at the Leisure Centre, and coffee will be supplied for only \$1.

Anyone age 55 or older is welcome to drop in - membership in the Leisure Centre is *not* a requirement!

For more information, contact Nick Warman, Manager of Recreation & Client Services, at 905-775-7529 ext. 8501.

Drop in and socialize!

## Fundraising for 1st Bradford Scouting!

First Bradford Scouting is busy raising funds: there is a Canadian Jamboree at Sylvan Lake in Alberta this July, and Bradford Scouting wants to bring as many young scouts as possible to this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet with 5,000 Scouts and leaders from across Canada, the U.S. and around the world.

The Scouts will be holding another **Bottle Drive** on Saturday, Feb. 9 - just after the Super Bowl. Scouts in uniform will begin knocking on doors around 9:15 a.m., asking for donations of returnable bottles. To arrange for a pick-up in advance, call 905-778-0809 or 905-960-4400.

The Scouts are also organizing a fun-filled

evening of **Bingo Bowling**, February 23 at Bradford Bowl. Cost is \$20 per person, for an evening of Bowling, Door Prizes, Pizza and snacks, a raffle, Silent Auction, and prizes for the winning teams. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m., and bowling and fun will continue to 11:30 p.m. Sign up at Bradford Bowl, at the counter - tickets can be paid for on the evening of the event. For more information, call Lloyd at 905-778-0809 or email [six.oliveof@gmail.com](mailto:six.oliveof@gmail.com). Bowlers of all skill levels are welcome. Come out and be part of a team.

**Photo:** Scout serves Caesar salad, at the wildly-successful Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction, held Jan. 12 at the Bond Head Hall. Over 100 diners came out



## Pan Am Mascot Contest for Youth

Kids ages 16 and under are being encouraged to start up a team, and design a mascot for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am and ParaPan Am Games. Teams can range from 2 to 6 people, and can include artists, storytellers, mascot researchers and

"colouring experts." The challenge is to come up with a hand-drawn mascot that expresses the spirit and excitement of the games. Details of the Toronto 2015 Mascot Creation Challenge and entry forms are available at [toronto2015mascot.ca](http://toronto2015mascot.ca).

**ca** All hand-drawn entries and an accompanying 250 word mascot life story must be mailed to TO2015 by March 8, 2013.

All participants in the challenge will receive a certificate. The top six designs, chosen by a panel, will be featured in a nationwide online voting contest in the spring. The winning mascot will appear on signage and merchandise for the games.

## Community Stamp Design contest

**Ottawa -** Kids 15 and under are invited to enter their original artwork in the Canada Post Design Competition, for the 2013 Community Foundation stamp. Stamp designs should capture the issues faced

by children and youth in Canada, reflect their diversity, creativity and hopes for the future, and ultimately inspire Canadians to purchase the Community Foundation stamp and make a donation to support

children's charities across Canada. See [canadapost.ca/stampcompetition](http://canadapost.ca/stampcompetition) for the rules and regulations, and information on how to submit entries. Entries will be accepted until midnight on February 1, 2013. Winner will receive a \$2000 Registered Education Savings Plan.

"THE WORLD'S GREATEST CARROT FESTIVAL"

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## Coats for Kids is open

Coats for Kids in Bradford is a grassroots campaign that asks residents to donate good quality and gently-used winterwear to ensure that no child has to face a cold Canadian winter unprepared. The Coats for Kids Depot, located in the St. Mary's Hall at 31 Frederick St. in Bradford, is open on Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. To contact Coats for Kids, email [coats4kids@live.com](mailto:coats4kids@live.com) or call The Bradford Times, 905-775-4471 ext. 223. Donations can be dropped off at The Times, 74 John St. West; or at Holy Trinity High School.

**Wanted:** Boots for kids, teens and adults; larger-sized snow pants (sizes 12 and up), and men's and women's hats, gloves and coats.



# community listings

## MEETINGS

**AL-ANON:** Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Marys of Japan Church basement.

167 Esso St. in Bradford. For information, www.al-anon.altean.org, wsoal-al-anon.org or call 1-888-441-ANON. **SPKAF FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS:** Toast-

masters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 7:30 p.m. For information see www.speakfor-success.org. All welcome.

**WEEKLY BINGO:** Innisfil Lions Club hold a weekly Bingo, Mondays, 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins, at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1826.

**SOUTH SISTER CHURCH:** The Choir is looking for new members. Practices are Wednesday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Davis Room of Stouffville United Church, 34 Church St. N., Stouffville. www.southsisterchurch.ca

**HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS:** Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language classes for newcomers to Canada. Settlement Assistance, Integration to the Canadian School System Program, Parenting Workshops, Translation and interpretation services, Form completion and document help, information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

**BWG COMMUNITY MEAL:** A free hot meal and fellowship for anyone on fixed income, social assistance, struggling to make ends meet, lonely, or families trying to stretch their food budgets, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. Every Friday at 5:30 p.m. NOTE: THE BRADFORD COMMUNITY MEAL IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS, INCLUDING COOKS AND TEAM LEAD.

ERS. CONTACT JOHANNE WILSON, 905-778-1841.

**T.O.P.S.: TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly)** is a weight loss support group that meets at the Lions Polo Bldg. Tuesday evenings, 6-7 p.m. No charge to drop in and see what TOPS is all about. Membership is \$32 per year and \$2 per meeting. For details call Edna, 905-775-9018.

**ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH:** 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fund-raising projects and cabage rolls sale every Friday, from noon to 6 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 12:30 to 4 p.m. info, call the church 905-51-1651.

**WRITERS' CIRCLE AT COFFEE CULTURE:** BWG Writers' Circle now meets socially every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at Coffee Culture in Bradford - by the fireplace! Exception is the 3rd Tues. of the month, when the Circle meets at the New Bradford Library.

## THURS., JAN. 17

**TODDLER TUES:** A 4-week program for parents and their children ages 2-4. Learn new songs, stories and dances to share with your child, at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free, but pre-register at 905-775-3039 ext. 229.

**PROSTATE CANCER CANCER AD NEWMARKET SUPPORT GROUP:** Meets January 17, 7-9 p.m. at the Newmarket Seniors' Meeting Place, 474 Davis Drive in Newmarket. Speaker is Dr. Thomas Morton, Urologist at Lakeland Hospital in Oshawa. For information call 905-

830-0447 or see www.newmarketprostatecancer.com

**ADDRESSING HOSPITAL WAIT TIMES:** Important public session looks at the causes of lengthy wait times in Emergency and Diagnostic Imaging Departments, and what Southlake is doing to address the issue. Medical Arts Building - 6th floor lecture hall, 6:30-7:30 p.m. 581 Davis Dr. in Newmarket. All welcome to "Pull back the curtain on Hospital Wait Times."

## FRI., JAN. 18

**LIBRARY ON THE LOOSE:** Drop in to the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, for stories, books and surprises from the public library - free.

## SAT., JAN. 19

**HAVE A BALL AT THE ONTARIO EARLY YEARS CENTRE:** 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., at 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, preschoolers ages 2 and a half to 6 will enjoy exercise using bean bags, balls, an obstacle course and more - followed by a healthy snack. Pre-register at 905-775-3039 ext. 229. Free.

**BWG LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETS:** 10 a.m. in the Board Room of the new Bradford Public Library (NOTE NEW PLACE). Local Historian and retired History Teacher Bert Platt will speak on "Why and How the War of 1812 Began." All Welcome!

**INNISFIL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS:** The IHS meets at the Knock School Heritage Site, 5th Line and 10 Sidemore Innisfil, at 2 p.m. Guest Speaker is Brian Baker, on the beauty of the Innisfil Landscape. For more information contact Marj Mossman, 705-436-1742. All welcome.

## MON., JAN. 21

**TECUMSETH & WEST GULLIMBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS:** At the Tec-We-Gull Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson, 10th Line BWG at County Rd. 27, 7:30 p.m. Members Show & Tell, of interesting facts. Refreshments to follow. For information, call 905-775-7144 or 905-936-4086.

## THURS., JAN. 24

**FAMILY LITERACY DAY:** At the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 5-7 p.m. Chill Supper, Craft, Games and Storytime for preschoolers and their families. Kids should bring a favourite story to share. Pre-register at 905-775-3039 ext. 229. Free.

## SAT., JAN. 26

**FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** At the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford at 9:30 a.m. Pancake breakfast for preschoolers and their families. Free. Pre-register at 905-775-3039, ext. 229.

**SCACA WORKSHOP:** Simcoe County Arts & Crafts Association meets January 26 at the Simcoe County Museum, 1151 Hwy. 26. Doors open at 12:30, craft workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. Make a "Toothbrush Rug" of torn strips of fabric. Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members, and incl. materials and refreshments. See www.simcoecrafts.ca for a list of materials to bring; register at info@simcoecrafts.ca or call 905-734-0444 before Jan. 20.

**FIRST AID/CPR COURSE:** January 26 and 27, learn First Aid and CPR with Anita Horlings of SIMPLIFIRST. For details or to register, call Anita at 905-775-8024 or email anita@simplifirst.ca

**BOND HEDGE LIONS POKER TOURNEY:** Poker Journey at the Bond Hedge Country Club on County Rd. 27. Register at 1 p.m., game begins at 2 p.m. \$40 buy-in with all buy-in monies going to the prize pool. Door Prizes, refreshments. For advance tickets call Ed at 905-775-5921 or 1 p.m. Proceeds support community activities, and local families with seriously ill loved ones.

## SUN., JAN. 27

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PEROGIE AND RIB DINNER:** At St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, 56 Hearn St. in Bond Head, 5-7 p.m. Perogies, ribs, Sauerkraut, Caesar Salad, dessert, tea or coffee for only \$14 adults, \$7 kids ages 7-12. Free for children age 6 and under. Tickets at the door - all welcome.

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# Sports

## Atoms #2 win Silver



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Lomonte & Collings Insurance Local League Atom Team #2 won Silver in the Walter Gretzky Tournament this month, which drew 16 teams to Brantford.

The Lomonte & Collings Insurance Services Atom #2 Local League Team competed in the annual Walter Gretzky Tournament in Brantford, January 11.

Game 1, Bradford Lomonte & Collings - 4, Credit Valley Wolves - 0. Goals by Christopher Lotto, Owen Osborne, Keegan Terrey and Shawn Bezerra, from Bezerra and Ryan Gilbert (2). Player of the Game - Owen Osborne.

Game 2, Bradford Lomonte & Collings - 5, Barrie Future Stars - 1. Scoring by Christopher Lotto with a pair, singles by Owen Osborne, Shawn Bezerra and Zack Brown. Helpers to Josh Langille (2), Ethan Rendine, Osborne and Lotto. Player of the Game - Tristan Davis.

Game 3, Bradford Lomonte & Collings - 4, Lasalle Green Machine

- 0. Goals by Connor Huggett, Keegan Terrey, Noah Miranda and Zack Brown, from Christopher Lotto and Ethan Pinto. Player of the Game - Connor Huggett.

**Semi-Final,** Bradford Lomonte & Collings - 4, Ajax - 2. Scoring by Owen Osborne with a pair, singles by Noah Miranda and Shawn Bezerra. Assists to Keegan Terrey (3), Noah Miranda (2) and Ethan Pinto. Player of the Game - Shawn Bezerra, as the team remains unbeaten.

**Championship Final,** Kitchener McGrey - 3, Bradford Lomonte & Collings - 2, in Overtime. Goals by Christopher Lotto and Keegan Terrey, from Player of the Game Noah Miranda. Super work by the Bulldogs, who captured the Silver.

## Bradford Soccer Club Open House

The Bradford Soccer Club has experienced an upheaval - and a rebirth!

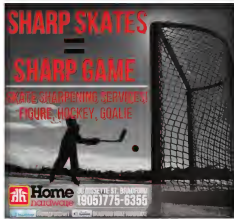
Now the Club is inviting the community to celebrate the Grand Reopening of the new Soccer Office this **Saturday, January 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the St. Mary's Hall, 31 Frederick St. in Brantford.

The community is invited to come out and meet the new Executive, learn about the plans of the Club going forward, and meet the new Technical Director, chosen from 20 applicants.

Among those expected to attend are the Town's ex officio representative at the Club, Councillor Raj Sandhu; Mayor Doug White, and other members of Council.



**Note:** Bradford Soccer Club's 2013 **House League Registration** will be taking place at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. in Brantford, on **Saturday, January 26 from 9 a.m. to noon.**  
**Wednesday, February 13, from 6 to 9 p.m.**  
**Saturday, February 23, 9 a.m. to noon.**  
 Cost is \$190 per player if registered prior to March 1, 2013 - going up to \$220 per player after March 1.



## B-Ball Tourney

Bradford West Gwillimbury is hosting a 3 on 3 Basketball Tourney at the new Leisure Centre on Friday, January 25 - the next school PA Day.

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the gymnasium, kids between the ages of 10 and 13 can participate in the tourney for only \$15 per player. All-male teams, or co-ed teams with at least 2 females, will play.

Registration will be accepted at the BWG Leisure Centre Customer Service Desk until January 18. Parental permission is required for all participants. There will be prizes including a prize for the best-designed Team t-shirt. For more info, contact Nick Warman, 905-775-7529 ext. 8501.

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## Sports Shorts

## Hockey Day in BWG

It's coming: the annual Hockey Day in BWG takes place Saturday, February 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the outdoor rinks at Bond Head's Bud Brown Memorial Park, beside the Bond Head Community Centre.

The outdoor rinks will host hockey action for the Town's youngest players - Tykes and Pre-Tykes - beginning at 8 a.m., while the Bond Head Lions serve up a hot pancake breakfast and later, a BBQ lunch in the hall.

There will be horse-drawn wagon rides, strolling entertainment, a giant snow slide in the park - and hockey, the way it's meant to be played.

This is the 5th year for Hockey Day in BWG, says Manager of Recreation and Client Services Nick Warman. The event "has been embraced by the Bradford West Gwillimbury Minor Hockey Association and is now part of the calendar for the Tyke and Pre-Tyke program" - and embraced by hockey fans throughout the Town.

## Barrie's Winterfest!

Barrie celebrates Winterfest on February 2 and 3 - including a family Sunday Workshop at the MacLaren Art Centre at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 3, for only \$5 per child; and a performance by the Simcoe Contemporary Dancers at 2:30 p.m. free.

Winter fun along the Barrie Waterfront includes midway rides, dog sled rides for \$2, free horse-drawn wagon rides, the Festival of Ice sculptures, an ice castle, a Lumberjack Show at 12, 1:30 and 3 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Enjoy a pancake breakfast at Central United Church from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday - and a warming bowl of soup on Sunday, at the City Hall Rotunda, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. And don't miss the annual Polar Bear Swim at Centennial Beach, noon on Sunday.

The Barrie Blues & Jazz fest takes place at various venues around town, and the Easter Seals Chili Fest is at the Southshore Community Centre, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

## Freezin' for a Reason Dip

The 2nd annual Freezin' for a Reason polar bear dip in Lake Simcoe will take place Saturday, February 23 at Innisfil Beach Park - a fundraiser for the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation and other causes. Individuals are asked to raise a minimum of \$200 (or \$800 for a team of 4), to participate in the dip. Visit [www.LakeSimcoeFoundation.ca](http://www.LakeSimcoeFoundation.ca) for more information or to register for the fun event, and to raise money for environmental programs and projects. Prizes will be awarded to the top fundraising individual and team, as well as vackiest costumes.

The Dip is part of the annual Innisfil Community Events Corporation (ICE Corp.) Winterfest.

## Tykes on Breakfast Television!



Submitted photo

On December 31, the Bradford Bulldogs Tyke Team #2, coached by Frank Ferragine, were invited to Breakfast Television. They got to visit behind the scenes, help Ferragine with his weather report, and had their photo taken with Jennifer Valentyne (above) - a great day!

## Union protests end of Slots at Racetracks

CNW - Toronto - The Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) continues to put pressure on the Liberal government of Ontario, to rethink its decision to end the Slots at Racetracks program - a decision which will create devastating job losses in the horse-racing industry, they say.

The PSAC "Fight Back" Campaign was launched on Saturday, January 12, at the Liberal Party's Leadership Delegate Election Meeting in Barrie. PSAC members who work at Georgian Downs Racetrack called on leadership hopefuls to take a stand on the Slots at Racetracks program, to ensure that good jobs remain part of the OLG's modernization plan.

If the end of the Slots at Racetracks programs goes ahead as planned in March of this year, Georgian Downs workers will lose their jobs, as part of an industry-wide collapse. "Over 80 workers and their families are

dealing with the insecurity and stress of losing their jobs. The government is playing games with the livelihoods of these families, and taking more good jobs away from this community," said Sharon DeSousa, PSAC Regional Executive Vice President for Ontario. "What is truly heart-breaking is that none of this is necessary, and these families are suffering because the government is failing to realize it's cutting a program that works for everyone."

The Town of Innisfil could not only see damage to its harness horse-racing industry, but could lose its revenues as Host Municipality for a gaming site. If Great Canadian Gaming is unsuccessful in its bid, under the new OLG model. Currently, the Town receives over \$4.2 million in revenues from the Slots program. PSAC members planned to distribute flyers to the Liberal delegates as they entered the delegate election meeting.



Ian McInroy, Barrie Examiner  
Mike Sinclair, Director of District 5 of the Ontario Harness Horse Association, at his farm north of Cookstown - worried that the end of the Slots at Racetracks program could mean the end of racing at Georgian Downs.

## Anglers rescued from Lake Simcoe ice

Despite all the warnings of unsafe ice on Lake Simcoe, four people had to be rescued from the lake in the Gifford area on Saturday, January 12.

At about 5:05 p.m., South Simcoe Police received a report of people clinging to ice floes in Lake Simcoe, off Beach Rd. The four men were approximately 400 to 600 metres offshore, when the ice collapsed under them.

Water rescue vehicles from

Innisfil Fire & Rescue, York Regional Police and Georgina Fire Services pulled the men from the rigid water within

half an hour of the call. Paramedics and an ORANGE air ambulance also responded to the scene.

The four - a 26 year old Richmond Hill man, a 48 year old Hamilton man, a 39 year old Toronto man and 40 year old Toronto man - were all ice-fishing when the ice

broke up.

All four men were conscious and treated at the scene for exposure and hypothermia; one was transported to a local hospital. One of the rescuers also suffered from hypothermia and was treated at the scene. Police continue to remind people that, with the recent thaw, ice conditions are extremely unsafe.

"It is very disappointing that some people choose to ignore the warnings that were issued by police to stay off the ice," said Staff Sgt. Steve Wilson. "They are not only risking their own lives, but the lives of the emergency responders who are called to rescue them."

## RBC sponsors free skate for Family Day

The Town of BWG is hosting Family Day Activities, on Monday, February 18, at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. in Bradford.

The Centre will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., for a number of

family-friendly activities on the holidays.

RBC Financial is sponsoring free Leisure Skating on both rinks, 9:40 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

The Lions Aquatic Centre will be open for lane swimming

and Parent & Tot swimming from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and afternoon leisure swimming from 1:15 to 4 p.m. Regular admission rates apply. The gym will be open for fun and activities, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Annual Sno-Pitch Tournament in Bradford

Sign up for the annual Mixed Sno-Pitch Tournament in Bradford which will be taking place on Saturday, February 9, 2013. Cost is \$240 per team, and teams must include at least 3 ladies. A safety ball will be used, and there will be prizes for the Division winners.

For more information or to register a team, contact Paul at 289-338-2613 or Terry at 647-226-7042. Learn to love winter!

# Friends of Scanlon Logo competition

The Friends of Scanlon Creek Committee is looking for a new logo.

The committee has launched a logo design competition, open to both amateur and professional graphic artists in the Bradford West Gwillimbury area. There's no cash involved, but the chosen local designer will win "bragging rights", and a one-year pass to Scanlon Creek Conservation Area.

The Friends of Scanlon Creek Committee is a volunteer group made up of area residents, that will be fundraising, implementing projects, and supporting the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation and its partner, the Lake Simcoe

Region Conservation Authority. Their goal is the revitalization of the Conservation Area.

"Now more than ever, we need to work together to keep Scanlon Creek Conservation Area protected and relevant," said Cheryl Taylor, Executive Director of the LSCRA. "Friends of Scanlon Creek Committee is a passionate group and through ongoing events, workshops and projects, aims to raise money and awareness to increase community involvement, recreation and education opportunities at Scanlon."

Interested amateur or professional graphic designers are asked to submit work

that is wholly original, with no existing or trademarked logos or artwork. No personal or company tags are to be incorporated into the logo. The use of the words "Friends of Scanlon Creek" in the design is encouraged.

Artwork must be created using a vector-based program, such as Adobe Illustrator.

The selected logo will become the property of the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation, to be used at their discretion.

For official rules and guidelines, please visit [LakeSimcoeFoundation.ca](http://LakeSimcoeFoundation.ca). Please email submissions to [foundation@lscra.on.ca](mailto:foundation@lscra.on.ca). Deadline is February 8, 2013.

# In the wild: Animal tracks and Snowy Owls

Kortright Centre for Conservation, located at 9550 Pine Valley Drive (south of Major Mackenzie), is offering Animal Tracking sessions. Take a hike through a winter landscape, and look for signs of the animals which have passed - from raccoons to coyotes. Hikes at 1 and 2:30 p.m. on January 19 and 20, 26 and 27. For more information see [www.kortright.org](http://www.kortright.org) or call 905-832-2289.

On February 9, the Brereton Field Naturalists will lead a trip through the flats around Minesing, looking for Snowy Owls, Rough-legged Hawks, Northern Shrikes and other raptors, as well as flocks of Snow Buntings. Departs 8:30 a.m. from the Little Lake Parking Lot.

For more information, call Brian Gibbon at 705-721-4599 or visit [www.breretonfieldnaturalists.org](http://www.breretonfieldnaturalists.org)

# National Cupcake Day

CUPCAKE, from Page 3  
bakery, encouraging friends and family members to donate online. Then on February 25, the idea is to hold a National Cupcake Day Party, at home, work, school or anywhere else that cupcakes are welcome, to raise funds for animal rescue. Money collected should be sent to local SPCAs or Humane Societies, to give surrendered animals a new home, rescue neglected or abused animals, and provide emergency medical care.

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## Deaths

**DRAVES, Shirley (nee Mitchell)** - Passed away on Thursday, January 10, 2013. Dear wife of Arnold for 56 Years. Mother of Brian of Toronto and Cathy Cigic (deceased 2010). Mother-in-law of Mike Cigic, dear Nana of Matt and Andrew all of Bradford. Sister-in-law of Elaine Draves (Ross 1992). At Shirley's request there will be no visitation or service. Cremation with interment of ashes in Balsam Grove Cemetery, Oshawa, ON. "Thanks for the Memories" Arrangements entrusted to **MARSHALL W. DRIVER CREMATION & BURIAL SERVICE**, 19 Ross St., Berlin. Condolences may be placed at [marshalldrivercremationandburialservice.ca](http://marshalldrivercremationandburialservice.ca)

**KNIBBE, Margaret** - Peacefully passed away at Grace Manor, Holland Christian Homes, Brampton on Wednesday, January 9, 2013. Margaret Knibbe (nee Boot) formerly of the Holland Marsh at 89 years of age. Beloved wife of late Edw Knibbe. Loving mother of Rita (Geri) Asbiers, late Norman (Lillian), Harry (Arla), Darlene (Graham) Barnsdough, Marvin (Anita) and predeceased by infant daughter Diana. Dear grandma of 19 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Friends called at the Springdale Christian Reformed Church, 1468 5th Sideroad, Bradford for visitation. Memorial service was held at the Church on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 1 p.m. In Margaret's memory, donations may be made to World Renew (formerly C.R.W.F.C.). Arrangements entrusted to **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME, Bradford.**

## Deaths

**SORENSEN, Karl Christian** - Suddenly, but peacefully passed away at home on Wednesday, January 9, 2013. Karl Sorensen of Bradford at 87 years of age. Beloved husband of Anne. Loving father of Mariette, Karl, Roger (Allan) and Jana. Proud grandpa of Christopher, Soren, Alden and Ethan. Dear brother of Birthe of Denmark and Linda of Sweden. Friends may call at the Trinity Anglican Church, 56 Church St., Bradford for a memorial visitation on Saturday, January 19, 2013 from 1 p.m. until the time of a memorial service held at the Church at 2 p.m. In Karl's memory, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME, Bradford.**

**STURGEON, Dyce McDowell** - (1929-2013) - Passed away peacefully at home with his brother at his side on Monday, January 7, 2013. Dyce spent his last afternoon overlooking the farm that had been in the family since 1838. Dyce was born at home on the 14th Line of West Gwillimbury on November 19, 1929, the third child of William Robert Sturgeon and Violetta Mitchell Sturgeon, three weeks after the stock market crash of 29 that was the start of the Great Depression. Both families were early settlers in Simcoe and York Counties. All of Dyce's great-grandparents had settled in Upper Canada before 1840. Dyce was predeceased by his parents, and his sisters Florence (the late Ken Blanchard) and Jean (the late Robert Doubt). Loved brother of Robert (Doris Payne) and his sister Margaret (Grant Burton). Cherished by his neices Garibee Sturgeon Mason (Gregory Mason), Heather Sturgeon (Mark Swallow), Ann Kerr (Richard Kerr), Jennifer Britton (Andrew Whyte), Katherine Britton (Blake Sorell) and nephew Richard Blanchard. Beloved great uncle to Caitlin Mason (Tim Allam), Courtney Mason (Matthew McLean), Bridget Brown, Robert Brown (Natalie Siegel), Christine Kerr (Marc Hillard), Katie Kerr, Matthew Britton-Whyte. Loving great great uncle to Haydn and Griffin Hillard and Heger Altem. For kindness and friendship in his final days, a heartfelt thank you to Shirley Wilson. And a special thank you to Dr. Susan Kuzmyk for her compassion and care for Dyce. Friends called at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME, Bradford** for visitation. A funeral service was held at the St. John's Presbyterian Church 2940 10th Sideroad, Bradford on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 11 a.m. Interment: St. John's Coulson's Hill Cemetery. In Dyce's memory, donations may be made towards the ongoing care of St. John's Coulson's Hill Cemetery.

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# 2012: the year in review, continued

## August, continued

Also in August - the Province of Ontario, County of Simcoe, and Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury formally announced a partnership, to construct a new interchange at the 5th Line of BWG and Highway 400. The new interchange is expected to cost about \$54 million - with costs divided equally among the partners. Development Charges are expected to cover the bulk of the Town's share.

## September



The big news in September was the decision to keep the Giant Tiger Store in Bradford open - at least until January 2013. There was celebration in Town, especially among older residents living in the Downtown core, who found it difficult to access the new box stores at the west end of town. There was even a Grand Re-opening event on September 29, with representation from Giant Tiger Head Office, give-aways, and the Giant Tiger - but the jubilation was short-lived. While the store remained open for Christmas, sales and customer traffic weren't sufficient to extend the reprieve. In the new year, Giant Tiger announced the store would close March 1.

There was more big news: the Bradford Soccer Club was found to be deep in debt, unable to meet its obligations to the Town for use of the playing fields, its contract with the Bradford Sports Dome, or even the amount owing to the Huronia Soccer Association, for players' fees. In September, the Club's president and executive resigned, the Town's Leisure Services stepped in to meet with members and a new steering committee, and plans were drawn up to ensure that the club would be viable moving into the future. Parents were promised that soccer will continue in Bradford - and on January 19, the club plans a Grand Re-opening.

With Thanksgiving coming up, there were a number of food drives for the Helping Hand Food Bank - including Faurecia's FUEL5 (Faurecia Unites Employees for Local Service) initiative, and the annual Bradford Back Alley Cruisers' Pre-Snow Show, held in Cookstown.



## October

October was a busy month. The final session of the Bradford Farmers' Market took place October 6, featuring pumpkins and the music of HomeTown Bluegrass Band from Tottenham. There were Owl-Banding workshops at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, and an e-Waste Day; fundraising Walks and galas; harvest festivals and craft shows; and in Ansonville in the Holland Marsh, Soupfest!



There was also 'unprecedented' news, related to policing. The draft 2013 Police Services' budget for the South Simcoe Police Service included a 0.78% reduction, compared to 2012 - but when inflationary costs are factored in, along with negotiated wage and benefit increases, the actual reduction in the budget equalled cost savings of over \$1.2 million. It still wasn't enough to halt the Bradford West Gwillimbury request for a costing from the OPP, for policing services.

On October 16, Bradford West Gwillimbury Council voted to designate the neo-classical building at 28 Queen St. in Bradford (the old Bradford

High School) as a heritage building. The building was part of the old Fred C. Cook Public



School, which is currently being demolished for a new replacement elementary school. Council has required the Simcoe County District School Board to preserve the old high school.

## November

A month of Santa Claus Parades - including the night-time parade in Bradford - and craft shows.



Bradford West Gwillimbury Council learned the details of a proposed Community Improvement Plan area for downtown Bradford, and the "toolbox" of incentives that can be applied, once an Official Plan Amendment has been approved. Councillors heartily endorsed the proposal - the next step in the revitalization of Bradford's Downtown.

And there was good news for taxpayers. The County of Simcoe has signed a new contract for solid waste management that will provide savings. By signing a single contract with BFI Canada for the collection of garbage, green bin organic waste and Blue Box recyclables, the County expects to save \$2.1 million per year - savings that will be used to reduce the overall County tax

levy. The new contract will also include Industrial/commercial curbside waste collection "where it is reasonable", and use new energy efficient trucks. The contract for special collections will go to Miller Waste, for leaf and yard waste, brush, heavy items, and metal goods. Residents will be able to call in and book an appointment to have up to 5 large items collected, at a time, and disposed of - at a cost of only \$35. The new contracts take effect April 1, 2013.

On November 29, the Bradford Soccer Club held its Annual General Meeting. The year-end figures presented by an independent auditor, showed a staggering deficit, as of September 30, 2012, of \$215,808. In response to questions, former Vice president Pat Logel noted that there was no intention to "take the club downhill" - it simply "could never deliver what we promised", and generate the revenues needed to balance the books, lacking the manpower to take the club from a summer season, to year-round play. A new executive was elected, and both Councillor Raj Sandhu and Mayor Doug White pledged to provide support to help the club move forward. "This is the time to bring the club back," said new president Ted Kemper. "I want to see parents on the sidelines enjoying the game, not talking about the latest rumour." As for the finances, "It's an elephant in the room. How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time."

## December

Starting December 10, Elementary school teachers began staging 1-day walk-outs to protest Bill 115. But students at Bradford District High also staged a walk-out on Dec. 12, to protest the loss of extracurricular activities - including sports, theatre, concerts, after-school help, and likely, Grad.



There were more year-end changes in Bradford. The new 50,000 sq. ft. Zehrs store opened December 7 - and on December 21, Special Constable Les Bluestein hung up his badge, and retired.

Santa arrived, but not everyone got what they wished for. The year ended without a presentation by the OPP of the requested police costing for the provision of policing services to Bradford West Gwillimbury. The continuing debate gave the Town of Innisfil an opening: Bradford's partner in policing now wants to reopen the cost-sharing agreement for the South Simcoe Police Service, arguing that, based on number of calls, it has been paying way too much for policing since at least 2009.



## Bradford robbery

### ROBBERY, from Page 1

Front zipper dark hoodie, black baseball cap, black balacava, light grey shirt, black jeans, black belt with silver studs, white Puma running shoes with black writing and a black stripe, and white gloves with blue palms. He was carrying a blue backpack with grey straps and blue trim.

South Simcoe Police Sgt. John Van Dyke said that investigation is ongoing, and that the same suspects may have been involved in other robberies.

"We believe they've been active in other areas," Van Dyke said. Anyone with information is asked to contact South Simcoe Police, at 905-775-3311, or call Crime Stoppers, at 1-800-222-TIPS, to remain anonymous. Callers to Crime Stoppers do not have to identify themselves or testify in court, and may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2000 for information leading to an arrest, or recovery of stolen property.